



## Marvin Alexander Hodsden, Jr.

June 2, 1942 - July 16, 2024

Marvin Alexander Hodsden, Jr., 82, of Fort Collins, died at home on July 16, 2024 after a long journey with multiple health complications. Mr. Hodsden was born June 2, 1942 in Lamar, CO. He attended school in Springfield, CO graduating from Springfield High School. Following graduation, he attended Colorado State University, where he was on the track team and earned a B.S. in Physical Science in 1964 and a Masters degree in Education in 1968. Marvin met Janice Stegner through her brother Mike while teaching and coaching at Poudre High School. They were married on August 18, 1968 at the United Methodist Church in Fort Collins, CO. The couple made their home in Fort Collins, moving into their lifelong home in 1971. Marvin taught math and computers over a 32 year teaching and coaching career at Poudre HS and Rocky Mountain HS in Fort Collins from 1968-1999. He coached diving, track and cross country over the course of his career. Coaching the 1968 Poudre HS Cross Country team to the school's first State Championship in any sport. Teaching and coaching brought him tremendous joy due to the positive impact he could have on thousands of students. Marvin started Colorado Accutrack in the 1970's, producing photo finish timing results for track organizations from the Special Olympics to US Olympic Sports Festivals. He enjoyed attending Colorado State football and basketball games, fishing, camping and coaching his kids. In more recent years, he loved attending the concerts and sporting events involving his grandchildren. In retirement, Marvin and Janice operated Custom Quality Cleaning, serving families and

businesses throughout Fort Collins. Marvin enjoyed his Friday morning Breakfast Club with other retired teachers and friends. They loved traveling to visit family, attending CSU basketball conference tournaments in Las Vegas and an occasional out of town CSU football game. Marvin's faith in Jesus, as his Lord and Savior, was impacted at Faith Church by countless staff and friends. He is survived by his wife Janice Hodsden and their children, Greg Sharron Hodsden of Fort Collins, CO; Jenny Mike Lippold of Aurora, CO, Sherrie Brian Kendall of Portland, OR and Bret Kristi Hodsden of Lyman, NE; his sister Janet Jo Keith Lacy; 13 grandchildren, Rachel, Zach, Jessica Hodsden, Garrett, Tanner, Madison Lippold, Ian Annie, Sydney, Lucy Kendall; Tucker, Regan, Bryce, Alissa Hodsden; and numerous nieces and nephews. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Alexander Sr. and Ruth Hodsden Bradley and Howard Bradley. Marvin's family would like to thank the staff of Bloom at Home and Pathways Hospice for their friendship and loving care. A visitation will be held from 5-7pm, Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. The graveside service will be held at 9:30am, Thursday July 25, 2024 at Grandview Cemetery with a memorial service to follow at 11am at Faith Church, 3920 S. Shields Street, Fort Collins, CO 80526. Memorial contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524. Friends may send condolences to the family at [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

## Graveside Service

JUL 25. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery  
1900 W. Mountain Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

## Memorial Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Faith Church  
3920 S. Shields Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ I was very sorry to hear of Marv's passing. I was the math secretary for a number of years at RMH. I also helped him at some track events. I loved working with Marv and will miss him.  
Donna Gowen-Axelson

Donna Axelson - August 04, 2024 at 05:05 PM

IM

“ Ps He will be dearly missed Condolences to the family

Irene Mason - July 24, 2024 at 10:03 PM

IM

“ I have fond memories of Marv. He tried so hard to get us to understand the computer when we signed up for the class at CSU. Oh so patient..Then I worked with he and Jan on house cleaning. That was short lived..And thru it all he always had a warm

Irene Mason - July 24, 2024 at 10:00 PM

KM

“ I am Marvin and Janice's next-door neighbor. I couldn't have asked for nicer people. When we first moved here, Marvin made us feel so welcome. I will miss not seeing him on the porch waving hello. He will be very missed, not just by me, but our whole neighborhood.  
Karen Morgan

Karen Morgan - July 24, 2024 at 06:51 PM

RK

“ Coach Hodsden was my cross country coach at Poudre HS for three years (66-68). Through his training program he forged a state championship team composed of great runners who gave it their all for their school, their teammates and their coach. I was not one of those great runners but I was in great shape for basketball every year. Thanks Coach! Ron “Flash” Kainer

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**Ron Kainer** - July 21, 2024 at 12:16 PM

RS

“ I ran x country for Coach & RMHS in 84, 85 and 86 those years running for Coach Hodsden were some of the greatest times. He was a great leader and teacher and I will remember those times always. Running for Coach Hodsden kept me busy and out of trouble and helped me be the person I am today. Thank you for everything Coach!

*Richard Serrano*

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**Richard Serrano** - July 19, 2024 at 03:59 PM

KL

“ Coach Hodsen was easy to work hard for. He never raised his voice but taught us to develop our own work ethic! I was never fast, but when wrestling season came around, I was lean and fit! 🥳

*Ken. Loucks*

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**Ken Loucks** - July 19, 2024 at 03:08 PM

OR

“ When Marv and I were coaching cross country at Rocky Mountain High, he was head coach and I was his assistant, we got a resistance rubber band device to help runners learn what it felt like to run fast. Well Marv was the first to try it out at practice, he may have stretched it out a little too much, and when he started to run he was like a speeding bullet for 20 yards...the kid's mouths dropped open as they couldn't believe what they just saw...Marv got a pulled hamstring out of the episode and we made sure after that, whoever tried out the resistance band didn't stretch it too tight.

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**Oliver Richardson** - July 18, 2024 at 05:49 PM

KM

Marvin is my uncle, he was always smiling and excepted us for who we were. Marvin and Janice raised some great kids that all have lovely families. I helped him throughout the years when he owned a cleaning business and we would go eat at Pobre Pancho's together. He always had a couple jokes he would save to tell me. It hurts my heart he passed away but I know he is getting to see heaven and I bet it's beautiful.

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**Keri McGregor** - July 18, 2024 at 07:33 PM

MS

It was over 35 years ago I ran cross country at Rocky. I have such fond memories of coach Marv getting us ready to compete. What a kind, loving, supportive coach and friend. I have and will always cherish the memories of running for coach Marv!

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**Matt Schubert** - July 18, 2024 at 08:20 PM

AB

*At the start of my senior year in high school (1968 – 69) I broke my arm playing football. Upon learning of my injury, Coach Hodsden encouraged me to join the cross-country team. I told him that I was a terrible long-distance runner and that there was no way I could make the team. Coach said I was looking at the situation through the wrong lens. He said participating in the sport was about being part of a team; it was about having fun; and it was about exercising in a good way. I reluctantly consented to join. To my surprise, three other PHS seniors with similar circumstances (Ron Kainer, Ken Loucks, and Tom Mitchell) also joined the team. Not only did we have fun, but we got to run in most of the meets as the Poudre C Team. We were not great, but we gave it our best and performed respectfully. And that was all Coach Hodsden expected from us. The frosting on the cake for us that year was that the Poudre A Team were state champions.*

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**Aaron Breen** - July 19, 2024 at 02:23 AM

CL

*Marv was a great coach, educator and even better family man. After competing against his teams for years, I got to know more about him and his family at CSU games. He will be missed by all who knew him.*  
*Craig Luckasen*

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**Craig Luckasen** - July 19, 2024 at 02:22 PM

SE

*Like many others, I too have such great memories of running cross country at Rocky under coach Hodsden (and Richardson)! I owe a lot to him for helping us learn how to maintain composure in the thick of the race, always strive to be your best, be gracious in victory and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. He cared for us all and it showed in how he coached his teams. Those lessons are ones that stick me to this day. I have so much appreciation for what he did for us all. May the Lord welcome him home in heaven!*

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**Steve Eversoll** - July 19, 2024 at 03:46 PM

CB

*Back in the early 90's Coach Hodsden took RLB under his care, and encouraged him to always do his best, and it worked, the class of 95 had amazing runners both in girls and boys, and for me I was able to assist Coach Richardson at the finish line keeping times for the team. Younger brother came along after graduation and I got to time again and watch the class of 2000 gain in confidence and winning ways. Then after graduation I was allowed to continue to time at the line. A better man will be hard to match the confidence COACH instilled in all the students who were lucky enough to have him help them just be the best they could be. You will be missed COACH*  
*Charlie Brown*

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**Charlene K Brown** - July 22, 2024 at 07:16 PM

JR

*In 1973 I came from teaching and coaching at Iliff High School for 6 years to Rocky... Marv and I knew each other from our CSU track years. I was not a runner.. I threw the javelin. Marv was amazing at CSU.. A great athlete but an even better person. I was Blessed to coach those early years with Marv and Pat O'Donnell. I miss them both. What a great legacy Marv leaves for his kids and grandkids to follow. He loves Jesus and so did Pat O'. They are both together again.. LNP, Jim Robbins*

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**Jim Robbins** - July 24, 2024 at 10:34 PM

RY

*My life has been intertwined with Coach since the fall of 1967 when I went out for cross country team. Lots of great memories like the entire seven man varsity riding to a meet in Sterling in his Barracuda fastback! The following spring he encouraged me to continue my running at CSU which I believed I was not capable of. After some persistence on his part, I agreed to talk to the CSU coach and that event radically change my life direction. My first coaching job was a result of him taking the cross country position at RMHS. We had a great coaching rivalry over the next two decades and he was always the first person to shake my hand if we won! Thanks for everything coach and you will really be missed!! I look forward to swapping some running stories when we meet again! Randy Yaussi*

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**Randy Yaussi** - August 04, 2024 at 04:07 PM